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grieve the German people. But they would probably regard him as a vichimself in the cause, and they would rather be more likely to stand closer

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District Suffrage Qualifications.

a means of securing District of chagrin to the great leader who now The constitutional amendment prorepresentation in Congress and the lies helplessly stricken. Chamber of Commerce the other night, simply lays down the broad principle of national representation for the capital, leaving for determination by Congress or the District itself all queswhether with manhood suffrage or port, just published. Few men are betmanhood and womanhood suffrage, or ter qualified to judge the situation with educational or property limitations.

The essential thing is to amend the Constitution so that the District may be placed for certain important purposes on the footing of a state with repre sentation in the House and Senate. That once established other matters and the details of the enfranchisement will follow in due course.

such a course persisted in vigorously the proposed constitutional amendment prompt measures to bring the army of

adopted the opportunity will be pre

There is nothing hostile to woman suffrage in the constitutional amendment now proposed. It does not record the District as opposed to the extenother hand it promises an additional says: field within which women may gain and exercise the right to vote. Therefore there should be no hostility toward this movement to enfranchise the District on the score of the failure of the amendment as drafted specifically to leclare for woman suffrage. On the other woman suffrage woman that the district without contest." other hand the District suffragists hould constitute themselves ardent recates any suggestion of what is called champions of the amendment to the specific and final victory at the polls in the referendum to follow, or through be increased to its full mobile strength congressional enactment concerning the by the addition of 25,000 men, with proqualifications of District voters.

Three German warships have gone to mobile fighting force in the continental

porta ce to the English people, although it is of comparatively small moment as affects the war. It clears the seas of a menace to British navice free to act to very small proportions. That eventually all of the captured or interned would seem to be the inevitable result of present conditions, with England so overwhelmingly mistress of the seas.

according to experts. The same may be said of our army, man for man. difficulty is that arrangement cannot be made to decide a combat by selecting

ways manages to turn out an exceedingly well prepared article when he delivers a

have a bearing upon the outcome.

Sympathy must be felt for the Em-

military man, as, indeed, have been few

formed its permanent government, but

"militarist" in the sense of advocating

the United States up to a more respect

able standard of strength, while by no

army and the National Guard a

comprising 9,818 officers and 148,492 men

this including only regulars of fighting orce stationed in the United States

proper. Such an army would be barely sufficient to garrison the few permanent

defenses on one of the coasts. It would

ceeded in effecting a landing with half

train and make ready for active service

an army of volunteers would take, at the

lowest possible estimate, six months. On

this point the Secretary significantly

It is significant that the Secretary dep-

a dozen army corps. To equip, organize,

not comprise a field force of mo

ment in case a foreign enemy

none the less he sees matters with an

It is the inevitable consequence of conlitions that have been long preparing Expressions from The Hague, such as might discourage enlistment are not to yould not directly and immediately ffect the result. Perhaps the death of be thought of at this time. he kaiser would shock and greatly

tim of the war, as having sacrificed regarded as a form of outdoor sport.

For the government clerk the rule is

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON

chine has not yielded the results that were confidently expected of it. Germany may win the conflict, but that it has not struck a decisive blow ere now talk of prohibition carrying out th of this country's preparedness for self- a habitual drunkard."

A Nation's Ingratitudes.

ady-made philosopher. Sorghum, "that a republic as a whole

Oh, Christmas comes but once a year, But on the giving gay.

"My daughter is very irascible be

war it would be possible to put into the field, by a consolidation of the regular in the flight of time to give away gold watches instead of calendars

To tell you what to do And keep your footsteps steady As life you journey through. There's always some one knowing Just what your course should be. And wisdom great bestowing For pay, or maybe, free.

Yourself with food and drink: They put the latest flourish On what you say or think. Across these broad dominions They teach us our opinions And how to walk and breathe

Throws into havoc sad The natural information That once you thought you had. Their intricate deductions Make fact seem strangely dense As they impart instructions On simple Common Sense

Never within living memory has there been such a need, or rather such an opportunity, for giving as there is in this country today, and will be to an eversels off the Chilean coast and the naval score of the war as between Germany and England is more than evened, from the latter's viewpoint. When Admiral Craddock was caught by a superior force and defeated with heavy losses it was recognized as assured that the British would pursue his opponents releasely, taking no chances on being caught again with fewer or smaller or less powerful vessels.

Secretary Garrison's showing of the utter inadequacy of our army and the first line of volunteer reserves to figure as a defensive factor in the event of an attack by a first-class foreign power must have decided weight with Congress at the present juncture.

So far as can be judged by his personal expressions, the agitation in other portions of the map does not warrant Col. Goethals in taking his portace to the English people, alother portions of the map does not warrant Col. Goethals in taking his eyes off the Culebra cut.

In discussing funds for the maintenance of railroads the public is compelled to admit that they are not luxuries, but necessities.

It should be understood that American statesmen do not use the phrase "preparedness for war" in any temperamental sense.

A great many members of Congress are quite as anxious as the tired business man to hear a motion to adjourn.

Myron T. Herrick.

Mr. Herrick's first act upon landing showed good taste and good politics. He put the soft pedal on his presidential boom. "Not just yet, gentle-

Peace at Any Price.

thusiastic Buckeyes who had gathered to welcome him with the boom in their hands.

It is feared that a general investigation of income tax delinquencies would cost more money than it would collect.

Wall Street's inactivities have at least given financiers a little respite from the terror inspired by "Wolf" Lamar.

The Kaiser's Illness.

Announcement that the Emperor of Germany is seriously ill with pneumonia in Berlin naturally raises the question of the effect of his death upon the war, should this affliction end fatally. That such a speculation is by

the suggestion of his name in connection with the presidency. No man every men have undergone the anxieties to which he has been subject during the past four months and a half, and it is not remarkable that he has yielded to illness now. Thus conditions are not favorable, and the possibility of the kaiser's death is not a.. unnatural subject of consideration at this time.

It has been freely suggested since the war began that if the kaiser were to die the war would end quickly. Nothing is less likely. The German people are apparently in solid rank behind the emperor in this conflict. Right or wrong, they are massed to fight for their cause and their country. It is not for the kaiser they are fighting, but for the fatherland, and if the present head of the German empire should pass away his son would stand in his stead, m the Boston Transcript.

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Pair

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black and colors; some are fit-

ted with mirror, coin purse

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Secretary Garrison on the Army. Secretary Garrison makes a mos valuable contribution to the discussion defense in the course of his annual re

of the qualifications of voters,

Secretaries of War since this country The Star suggests the impolicy of the intelligent appreciation of the military woman suffragists now attempting to needs. He has never been accused of force the issue of their particular de-"jingoism" and he is far from being a and in the preliminary consideration of the constitutional amendment itself. a great standing army and a bristling might kill all chances for success that he urges in terms that cannot be slighted

uffrage in the District that they work | means making it numerically adequate in first to obtain suffrage in general and view of the tremendous responsibilities andefined, and the course of wisdom s for them to get behind this amendent and push it with all their might. of securing a vote by the District people favoring the inclusion of the womtonians. Woman suffrage here might be secured by a majority vote of Congress or of the District, when it could not be secured as a constitutional imendment by the vote of two-thirds

A British Naval Victory.

balance the destruction of British ves- United States. sels off the Chilean coast and the naval Secretary Garrison's showing of the

gation and reduces the German naval admit that they are not luxuries, but German ships will be rounded up, sunk,

Ship for ship our navy is equal to any.

Without any especial training as

fatally. That such a speculation is by no means far-fetched or unnatural appears in a brief examination of the situation. The kaiser is no longer a nominated solely on the strangth. young man. He will be fifty-eight years of age in January; he has always led a strenuous, active life, is not the suggestion of his name in connec

the symbol of all that the Germans spects the American part in relief hold dear. That son is himself of the work there. That continues; and as a strain that makes the kalser person- private citizen again he is pointing out ally popular in Germany, an uncompro- what should be done to make that WASHINGTON.

mising believer in the might and the right of Germany, a veritable "war so well entitled to attention. As the lord." He is exceedingly like what his father was twenty-five years ago, soon the value of Mr. Herrick's advice lies in the fact that whenever it has been This war is not a one-man struggle, taken it has abundantly justified it-self. And that it is as good today as at in their condemnation of the contest, any time since the war began is be-

An early presidential boom is very

together and fight the harder for his likely to prove a preparatory assing. Yet the elimination of such for the also-ran class.

SHOOTING STARS.

law of the survival of the fittest," said the man who is always willing to learn "Of course," replied Uncle Bill Bottle top, "I'm talking about the particular kind of prohibition we have out our way. It has encouraged a brand of surreptitious liquor that kills a man

"Republics are ungrateful," said the

No Limit.

opera," said Mr. Cumrox "Has she the voice for it."

They teach you how to nourish Their chains of thought they wreath

Their joyous demonstration

for possible defensive warfare. vision for the commissioning of 1,000 more officers. This would give the regu-

lar army a total of about 120,000 men, of whom 50,000 would be available as a

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nominated solely on the strength of card the part as soon as they are able those services, he was badly beaten.

tremendous personality, so potent a orce, would necessarily eventually not only "shop early," but "shop fast." ror of Germany as he lies ill at Berlin. He cannot be otherwise than disappointed at the outcome of the war up to date. His tremendous war ma-

Survival of the Fittest.

don't quite follow you when

"I shouldn't say," replied Senator analysis and deduction. He is not a military man, as, indeed, have been few to get acquainted with real thanklessness is the one who figures as cheer-ful giver to a campaign fund."

> You can, to push along good cheer, Take encores any day.

"No. But she has the disposition." Prosperity is expected to arrive in a

There's always some one ready



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